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SUBJECT: MTN--U.S. NTM REQUESTS OF ROMANIA

1. U.S. DEL (CULBERT, MIMS) MET WITH ROMANIAN DEL (PETRESCU) ON APRIL 7 TO URGE EARLY POSITIVE ROMANIAN RESPONSE TO U.S. NTM REQUESTS. WE NOTED U.S. HAD RESPONDED TO ROMANIAN NTM REQUESTS IN JANUARY AND RECALLED OUR MEETING FEBRUARY 1 ON SAME SUBJECT BUT, THUS FAR, WE HAVE HAD NO ROMANIAN RESPONSE TO U.S. REQUESTS.

2. PETRESCU HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT SAID HE BELIEVED ABSENCE OF ROMANIAN RESPONSE REFLECTED THEIR POSITION THAT AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY ROMANIA DID NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MTN UNTIL THEY COULD
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ASSESS THE VALUE OF BENEFITS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THE MTN. WE RESPONDED THIS POSTURE RAN RISK OF ROMANIAN AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRY INTERESTS BEING IGNORED AS MTN MOVES TOWARD COMPLETION THIS SUMMER.

3. PETRESCU SAID A MORE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM FROM ROMANIAN VIEWPOINT WAS INSECURITY OF U.S. CONCESSIONS SO LONG AS US-ROMANIAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT

TO RENEWAL EVERY 3 YEARS. WE SUGGESTED THE FACT THAT RENEWAL DECISION IS TO BE MADE IN NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS SHOULD BE AN ADDED INCENTIVE TO ROMANIA TO MAKE OFFERS IN MTN RESPONSIVE TO OUR REQUESTS.

4. PETRESCU, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT SOME U.S. REQUESTS OUGHT TO BE EASY FOR ROMANIA TO ACCEPT. HARDER ONES RELATED TO OPEN HIRING PRACTICES AND ELIMINATION OF UNFAVORABLE EXCHANGE RATE FOR FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN BUT HE SAID A PENDING CURRENCY REFORM PROPOSAL WOULD, IF ADOPTED, MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION.

5. AT PETRESCU'S REQUEST, WE SUMMARIZED BENEFITS TO ROMANIAN EXPORTS OF U.S. GLOBAL TARIFF OFFER, MAKING CLEAR WE COULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH HIM ABOUT THESE OFFERS.

6. WE URGED PETRESCU TO IMPRESS ON HIS AUTHORITIES THE IMPORTANCE OF A POSITIVE RESPONSE BY MAY 1 IF POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN MAY 15. PETRESCU THOUGHT THIS QUESTION MIGHT WELL ARISE IN WASHINGTON DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK WITH VISITING ROMANIAN TEAM. WE SUGGESTED PETRESCU RECOMMEND THAT AN APPROPRIATE MEMBER OF ROMANIAN TEAM MEET WITH ERIC LAPP OF STR NEXT WEEK. I DRAFTED. CULBERT
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